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Prince Hassan lauds Holland

THE HAGUE, March 30 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan expressed his admiration today for the concern of Holland with the Arab World and its desire to contribute towards a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. Speaking at a press conference here, the prince said in reply to a question about his talks with Dutch Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep that the two countries looked forward to the reconvening of the Geneva conference soon. Jordan and Holland feel that the time is ripe this year for the solution of economic problems," he added. Prince Hassan today visited an electronics firm in Amsterdam. The firm, which was not named by JNA, presented Jordan with a language laboratory which is to be shipped to Jordan soon.

Egypt gets \$1.5 billion loan

CAIRO, March 30 (R). — Egyptian Deputy Premier for Social and Economic Affairs Dr. Abdul Monem Kaissouni said here today four Gulf oil exporting states had agreed to provide Egypt with loans totalling \$1.5 billion. He gave no details about the loans. Speaking to reporters after two days of talks with Qatari officials, he described the short-term loans as the most pressing item facing the Egyptian economy. The four Gulf states are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) which form the Gulf Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Dr. Kaissouni said Egypt was trying to resolve its economic problems through various means, including a change in the foreign investments to provide new "incentive" for investment.

Soviet Union rejects U.S. SALT proposals

WASHINGTON, March 30 (R). — The Soviet Union today rejected American proposals for Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) at the end of days of talks between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Kremlin leaders. Mr. Vance had suggested that if his comprehensive package was not acceptable to the Soviet Union then the two countries should ratify the Vladivostok accord but excluding the American Cruise missile. Mr. Vance said Mr. Brezhnev did most of the talking during the final meeting and told him that the Soviet Union rejected the comprehensive arms reduction proposal on the grounds that it was not an equitable package and did not deal with certain questions in arms control. The second American proposal could not be accepted because the Cruise missile was not included. Mr. Vance said the U.S. rejected the Soviet suggestion that the Vladivostok accord be ratified with the Cruise missile included in the agreed ceiling of 2,400 rockets and bombers which both sides could deploy. Nevertheless Mr. Vance said he hoped the Soviet leaders would continue consideration of the U.S. proposals. Mr. Vance said the two sides made progress in other areas and had agreed to set up working groups for detailed discussion of a number of major problem areas. These included, he said, proposals for a comprehensive test ban, limitations on nuclear weapons, prior notification of missile test firings as well as questions of civil defence, military activities in the Indian Ocean, radiological weapons, sales of conventional weapons, and nuclear proliferation. "I think we made progress. The talks were useful. Needless to say I'm disappointed we did not make progress in the most important area -- nuclear arms," he said. "I leave Moscow without achieving a general framework (for continuing SALT talks) and I am very disappointed."



FRIENDLY TOAST BEFORE DISAGREEMENT -- U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance (left) and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko lift their glasses at American embassy residence in Moscow before lunch Wednesday. (AP wirephoto).

Barre dubs newly formed French cabinet a "combat government"

PARIS, March 30 (R). — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing today installed a new French government to fight the opposition Socialist-Communist alliance in next year's general election. It contained only two newcomers and no surprises, but Prime Minister Raymond Barre called it a "combat government" dedicated to pursuing France's economic recovery plan. He said its top priorities would be to battle inflation and to draw up a 12-month plan to help families, the elderly and unemployed youth. This programme, aimed at satisfying the average Frenchman, is held up as the government's main plank in resisting the leftwing challenge in parliamentary elections set for March 1978. President Giscard d'Estaing appointed a 15-member cabinet under Premier Barre, retaining the foreign and defence ministers from the outgoing team and switching five other different posts to complete the changes. The most significant move was to oust the "big three" politicians from the government -- Independent Republican Michel Poniatowski, centrist Jean Lecanuet and Gaullist Olivier Guichard. It was the logical conclusion to the president's campaign to stamp out damaging rivalries within the ruling three-party coalition. M. Poniatowski, the outgoing interior minister, was the president's closest political confidant but he constantly clashed with the Gaullists led by ex-Premier Jacques Chirac. The two newcomers were M. Alain Peyrefitte, a moderate Gaullist who came in as justice minister, and M. Rene Monory, a little known centrist who took the industry ministry. M. Barre will continue in his dual role as premier and finance minister and M. Louis de Guiringaud and M. Yvon Bourges remain at the foreign and defence ministries. The change of government followed the rout of the ruling majority by the leftwing partnership in nationwide municipal elections earlier this month. A close Giscard associate, Michel d'Ornano, was retained in the cabinet despite his crushing defeat in the election for mayor of Paris by Gaullist leader Chirac, the rightist champion whose rivalry with the president helped provoke the government changes.

Violence rages in Karachi

KARACHI, March 30 (R). — A anti-government riot broke out in Pakistan's big city today when troops opened fire on demonstrators protesting against convening of the provincial assembly. In Hyderabad, Sind provincial city, and Lahore, Punjab, thousands of protesters marched in protest against alleged rigging of general elections which gave the go-ahead to a landslide victory. The nine-party opposition alliance (PNA) or demonstrations agitating the Sind assembly boycotting provincial elections March 11, four days after the provincial assembly elections. The ruling Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) of Prime Minister Ali Bhutto consequently lost all 100 seats in the provincial assembly. Bhutto's supporters said troops twice opened fire when the demonstrators kept advancing with arms in the air. The protesters were the arms and hands, led to hospital sources, led two more demonstrators wounded when police shotguns in another demonstration. A group of women caught army protecting the assembly some embarrassment. Journalist Mahmooda Suwaid of a local PNA leased an army major bangle. Bhutto's supporters said the major bangle with howl Local tradition regards sign of cowardice when given a bangle by a woman. While Mr. Bhutto, in a government shakeup following general elections, five former ministers new and expanded cabinet announced here today. The cabinet included Syed Ali Shah Rizvi, Deputy General of the PPP, former Minister of Housing and Urban Development. Ministers of the pre-18-member cabinet who left were former Law Minister Malik Mohammad Rafiq, Railways Minister Habib Cheema, Agrarian and Affairs Minister Syed Ali Shah Jilani and Mian Usman Aftab, Industries Minister. Bhutto has retained the portfolio in the new 22-member cabinet but handed over foreign affairs to veteran diplomat Mr. Aziz Ahmed, who has been serving as Minister for Defence and Air Affairs.

Arabs in Palestine mark Day of the Land with strikes, rallies

HEBRON, March 30 (Agencies). — Israeli forces used tear gas to break up demonstrations by Arab youths in the occupied West Bank today on the first anniversary of protests by Israeli Arabs against a forcible government takeover of land in Galilee. Dozens of Arab youths blocked roads with burning tyres and hurled stones at Israeli troops. Several arrests were made. There were no casualties, however, during the demonstrations around Hebron and in two villages near Ramallah. A general business and school strike also hit most of the West Bank following the distribution of pamphlets signed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation during the past few days calling for such action. The Arab city of Jerusalem was paralysed by the strike, but no violence was reported there. But in Israel itself, the anniversary of the Day of the Land in which six Arabs were killed and scores injured by Israeli troops in the worst upheaval in Israel's history, passed relatively peacefully among the country's 500,000-strong Arab community. Reuter correspondent Bernard Edinger reported from Arraba in Galilee that thousands of Israeli Arabs were winding their way on foot to the main central rally there commemorating last year's demonstration. The crowd thronged the narrow streets of the dusty village. They were peaceful but shouted slogans. Small groups of leftwing Israeli Jews were among those present. Trouble was reported in two villages in Galilee, Tamra and Jut, where youngsters tried to block roads with burning tyres, and in Kafar Qassem in central Israel where students also refused to go to school and demonstrated in the street. There was also a business strike in the village where protest demonstrations erupted last year against the government decision to confiscate Arab lands in Galilee. The main disturbance in the West Bank was in Hebron where several hundred high school pupils were dispersed by troops firing tear gas after failing to heed an ultimatum to leave the main square. In Nablus, the traditional centre for Palestinian nationalism, the inhabitants remained indoors under a self imposed curfew. The quiet was disturbed by a small group of youngsters who tried to set fire to tyres but were dispersed by police. Defence Minister Shimon Peres said he could not understand why the Arabs were protesting against "land expropriation for development purposes" while the same action was being taken against Jewish-owned land. Answering questions at a meeting with Jewish students in Haifa, Mr. Peres said: "The country is in a state of development and land has to be sequestered for development purposes." "I do not understand why the Arabs protest against it while we are doing the same thing as far as Jewish-owned land is concerned. We cannot take over Jewish land only." The defence minister conveniently failed to mention government plans to displace some of the Arab population of Galilee and settle Jews in their place. Many Israelis regard the existence of an Arab majority in Galilee as a threat. Prime Minister Mudar Badran today hailed the people of the West Bank and Gaza Strip "who have impressed the whole world with their courageous and unshakable stand in the face of the enemy's repressive measures." In his message, Prime Minister Badran said "we are convinced that their persistence will be crowned with victory. The day will come when our kinsmen will liberate their land from the yoke of slavery and foil all Zionist machinations to settle in the Arab areas." In Cairo, representatives of Arab countries meeting today expressed full solidarity with the Palestinians on the anniversary of last year's violent demonstrations. Foreign ministers or their representatives at a meeting of the Arab League Council also appealed to countries around the world to "face up to their responsibility in supporting the Palestine Arab struggle for liberation."

Janata Party rules out any major changes in India's foreign policy

NEW DELHI, March 30 (R). — External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, in a reassurance to neighbouring countries and allies, today ruled out any immediate or major changes in India's foreign policy under the new Janata (People's) Party government. Mr. Vajpayee, 50, in his first meeting with the press since taking office last week, said that his government in most cases would continue with the policies adopted by the previous government. He made clear that he no longer held to many of the radical foreign policy views he had expressed as leader of the Hindu Nationalist Jan Sangh Party in the early 1970s, when he was a major critic of Pakistan. The process of normalisation with Pakistan would be continued and strengthened, Mr. Vajpayee said. "There should be no apprehension that the new government will do anything to reverse this process." Mr. Vajpayee said he also hoped there would be further improvement in India's relations with China. The new government would stand by all commitments so far made and all current negotiations would be continued without impediment. Asked about his past demands that India should acquire and manufacture its own nuclear arms, Mr. Vajpayee said: "I am no longer in opposition. There will be no change -- nuclear energy for peaceful purposes." He said India should have a nuclear capability for peaceful uses but not to make atomic bombs. He had not yet looked into the question of nuclear tests for peaceful purposes, he said. He added that India's policy of non-alignment as such had never been under question, only the way it had been implemented at times. The Janata Party's stress on "genuine non-alignment" was not meant to imply that the non-alignment of the past had not been genuine. On the domestic scene, a second Congress Party state administration collapsed in India today following the party's general election defeat. The government of the remote northeastern state of Tripura resigned after defecting Congressmen voted for an opposition non-confidence motion in the state assembly. Three days ago the assembly in the northern state of Jammu and Kashmir was dissolved following a dispute over lack of support for Congress in the general elections. Samachar news agency reported from the Tripura state capital of Agartala today that Chief Minister Sukhamov Sengupta had asked for fresh assembly elections after submitting his government's resignation. The Congress Party still controls all the state assemblies in the north, but there have been ominous rumblings in several states following the Janata Party's sweeping election victories in the region. The Congress governments in Bihar and Gujarat were subjected to no-confidence motions in the past few days, but both survived. In another development, a move to oust the central leadership of Congress appeared to be gathering strong support here. One hundred members of the policy-making all India Congress Committee have requisitioned a meeting of the committee to replace Mr. Dev Kant Barooah as party president and elect a new executive. Mr. Satpal Kapur, one of the signatories, said today. On the government side, the Janata Party decided today that its four components which joined together to contest the election would formally unite on May 1. The Congress Party still controls all the state assemblies in the north, but there have been ominous rumblings in several states following the Janata Party's sweeping election victories in the region.

Sadat expected to seek more aid from W. Germany

BONN, March 30 (R). — President Anwar Sadat is expected to seek more aid from prosperous West Germany during two-day talks starting here tomorrow. During his last visit to Bonn exactly a year ago, the Egyptian leader won some 530 million marks (about £130 million) in aid and credits and his delegation will again be talking business in Bonn as well as politics. Chances of another financial boost for Egypt's sagging economy are expected to be discussed mainly by the permanent West German-Egyptian Commission on Friday night. There has been no hint here that anything on the scale of last year's sum is under consideration but informed sources expected some further gesture to underline the warm relations now existing between the two nations. Official circles said the talks between President Sadat, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and their foreign ministers would also deal with latest moves for a Middle East peace settlement -- a subject extensively discussed by foreign minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher in Cairo last month. Since his tour of the Arab states, during which he stated Bonn's readiness to help in the search for a settlement, Herr Genscher has also visited Israel and is expected to brief the Egyptian leader on this trip. The Israelis are not as keen on West European involvement in Middle East peace moves as the Egyptians, who have frequently said West Germany should be among states represented at the Geneva peace conference if resumed. President Sadat indicated in an interview to the West German press this week that during his talks here he would press for West Germany and its European Economic Community (EEC) partners to play a more active Middle East role. The West German government regards President Sadat as one of the most constructive and moderate of Arab leaders. Chancellor Schmidt at a press conference today stressed the respect he had for the Egyptian leader. West Germany, he said, would "do all within its power to work for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East." But there are limits to how far West Germany would risk antagonising Israel. And it fully agrees with the United States, which has done most of the peacemaking in the Middle East so far, that for any settlement to be meaningful the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) must recognise Israel's right to exist. Sources close to the Egyptian delegation said President Sadat was believed to be seeking some form of declaration of support from EEC countries supporting the Palestinians' right to a homeland.

Guiringaud leaves for Israel

PARIS, March 30 (R). — French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud left here today by air for a three-day visit to Israel designed to improve the often stormy relations between Paris and Tel Aviv. Official French sources said yesterday that the trip was likely to be postponed because of tonight's government change here, but a presidential spokesman said today it would go ahead as planned. M. Giscard d'Estaing is known to be anxious to put relations with Israel onto a sounder footing after they plunged to their lowest level for years with France's release of Palestinian commando leader Abu Daoud in January. The president briefed M. de Guiringaud before he left today. M. de Guiringaud will have talks with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other leading members of his government. In addition to trying to improve Franco-Israeli relations, the talks will be largely devoted to the prospects of a Middle East peace settlement. The French minister recently completed a tour of four key Arab nations -- Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt -- whose leaders indicated they would like France to play a role in the search for peace.

Italian unions accept government package to rescue ailing economy

ROME, March 30 (R). — Italy's trade union chiefs today agreed to a compromise package of government proposals aimed at ending the country's economic decline and securing a loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The agreement, reached after hours of negotiations here and by telephone with the IMF in Washington, appeared to be a major success for the minority Christian Democratic government of Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti. It is aimed at cutting Italy's 21 per cent inflation rate and the country's balance of payments deficit by reducing labour costs. If made formal in legislation and a government letter of intent to the IMF, the agreement will lead to a \$530 million IMF loan and a further possible IMF credit as well as a loan organised by the European Common Market. The Communist and Socialist parties, which back two of Italy's three main labour union federations and support the Andreotti administration by abstaining in key votes, were expected to endorse the government-union compromise. Under the agreement, the trade unions agreed to changes in the present "escalator" system which automatically increases wages in line with rises in the cost of living every three months. The ingredients of the "basket" of goods and services on which increases are based will be changed and have the effect of reducing future wage increases, union officials said. In return for this concession, strongly opposed by some unionists, the government agreed to leave planned increases in value added tax in the "basket".

Under the Patronage of H.R.H. Princess Basma, and on the occasion of the celebrations of His Majesty's SILVER JUBILEE HAYA ARTS CENTRE & THE ORTHODOX NATIONAL SCHOOL Present An Exhibition of Children's Books March 31 — April 4 From 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 6 p.m. Book sale starts on April 1.

EEC countries must convince Israel that peace is more useful than war

BONN, March 30 (AFP). — Middle East peace prospects are "very great" following a Palestinian National Council session in Cairo earlier this month. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said in an interview published here yesterday.

European Economic Community (EEC) countries should also contribute to a settlement by persuading Israel that the Palestinians had a place at a resumed Middle East peace conference in Geneva.

Mr. Sadat told the daily General Anzeiger.

Mr. Sadat is due here on Thursday for talks with West German leaders in which, he said, he hoped to obtain technological aid for Egyptian reconstruction and economic change.

Mr. Sadat said his optimism about a Middle East settlement had been confirmed by talks with Palestinian Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat in Cairo.

But it would be advisable for the Israelis, whose state had been reorganised by 140 countries, to recognise the Palestinians who had neither state nor country, he added.

EEC countries for their part have to convince Israel "that peace is more useful than war, and that the participation of the Palestinians in the Geneva conference is indispensable and vital", Mr. Sadat said.

At the same time he expected EEC countries to "assume guarantees" after a resumed Geneva conference ended, Mr. Sadat said.

Mr. Sadat said recent Middle East views expressed by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev were on the whole positive, though Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy was trying to clear up certain points.

Proposals by American President Jimmy Carter — who recently spoke of the need for a Palestinian "homeland" — were also "very encouraging", Mr. Sadat said.

President Sadat has said would seek American F-5 fighters, anti-tank missiles and radar equipment when meets President Jimmy Carter in Washington on April 1.

Mr. Sadat interviewed by Mr. Arafat in the CBS produced television program "Sixty Minutes" late Sunday specified no number of fight other than to say Egypt would "do it".

He favoured an Israeli-African defence pact but said Carter should convince Israel to evacuate Arab territories occupied since June, 1967.

Mr. Arafat said the PLO would do its best to help Carter find a Middle East peace but refused to say if the PLO would eventually recognise Israel's right to exist. Neither Israel nor America recognise the PLO, he said.

U.S. reduction of military aid to Argentina fuels extreme right demands for greater power

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, (CSM). — When Argentina's foreign ministry upbraided the United States early this month for its decision to reduce military aid over reports of human rights violations, the Argentine navy let it be known it wanted a much tougher reaction.

In the local press, the navy indicated it was pressing for a total rejection of U.S. military aid.

The fact that Argentina eventually rejected such aid highlights not only the continued divisions within military ranks, but also the extent to which the navy, now the upper hand.

It also is noted here that the navy traditionally has maintained friendly ties with Brazil, and it is not lost on observers here that Brazil also is angry with the U.S. over pressure on human rights and on the West German nuclear treaty. Both countries have a grudge that Argentine hard-liners are in a position to exploit.

The longstanding divisions in the Argentine military were patched up last year when a coup d'etat brought the military government to power March 24.

But ever since, the gap between the hard-liners, who are extreme rightists, and the moderates, who are populist in their outlook, has grown.

The hard-liners, led by Adm. Emilio Eduardo Massera, the navy chief, indicated they wished to dismantle the labour movement once and for all. This view was supported by the air force and some army generals.

Similarly there were disagreements on whether to reduce or modernise Argentina's state enterprises, on the scope and techniques to be used in the war against the guerrillas, and on the social cost of the austere anti-inflationary economic policies adopted by Ec-

Retiring British commander warns against Soviet economic threat

LONDON, March 30 (AFP). — The Soviet Union could bring the West to its knees by political and economic pressure without a shot being fired, according to Admiral Sir John Treacher, retiring Commander in Chief of the British Fleet.

Sir John gave an interview to the British Domestic Press Association news agency to coincide with his retirement yesterday from the fleet command and from his posts as North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Allied Commander in Chief for the Channel and Eastern Atlantic C-in-C.

He said: "While we have made considerable strides in the integration of our defence effort I don't believe that we focus nearly enough on the integration of our political and economic strategy."

"Now oil is only one of the weapons within economic pressure."

Sir John added that the Soviet armoury included an ever-growing merchant fleet and Western countries find more and more of their trade being carried in Soviet vessels, which are all centrally controlled from Moscow.

In this way, he declared, the Soviet Union would gain control of vital raw materials, causing economic jeopardy in the West.

"The West needs to wake up to this as much as it needs to wake up to the immediate military challenge", he declared.

nomny Minister Jose Marti de Hoz.

The hard-liners went on attack early this year. The navy and air force proposed the responsibilities of president and army commander-in-chief be separated and that a "four man" — either the president or a newly appointed prime minister — be established figurehead, answerable to the junta of the three service chiefs.

The proposal amounted to direct challenge of President Videla's existing powers.

Four months later, the struggle is much more critical. The navy demands a bigger role in decision-making. There is moreover, signs that the navy is beginning to withdraw support from the government.

The provincial governor resigned, and navy representatives in the education ministry are threatening to follow suit.

In these circumstances, U.S. decision to reduce aid cause of rights violations as a bombshell.

The decision was critical to the local press for its linking out of Argentina, also the prestigious English-language daily, the Buenos Aires Herald admits there are grounds for concern over abuses of human rights in this country.

The Herald mentions the kidnapping of former President Hipolito Yrigoyen last year and the disappearance of Oscar Smith, the former secretary-general of Argentina's metal workers union in February, as examples of how the anti-verse war has got out of hand.

Since the return of the Juan Domingo Peron Argentina in June, 1973, the war has resulted in 35,000 fatalities.

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"Er ... this isn't a hard and fast position."

Carter's human rights

PRESIDENT CARTER'S outspoken stand on human rights in the Eastern bloc has loomed as a shadow over Mr. Cyrus Vance's talks with Kremlin leaders.

Speculation is rife about how far this will affect the success of the American secretary of state's mission. Mr. Vance himself said that Mr. Carter's tough approach to detente may lead to a more forthcoming approach towards stabilising the arms race.

From the Soviet perspective, however, it looks more as though the American president is out to destabilise the Soviet Union. In addition to his support for Soviet dissidents, Mr. Carter has doubled appropriations for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty which, in Soviet eyes, are instruments of the cold war. Mr. Carter's actions could elicit a forthright reaction, but not necessarily the desired one.

Already some of America's allies are worried. The West Germans are concerned for their cherished programme to reunite families on the two sides of the Berlin Wall and to keep the door open to visits across the former iron curtain dividing the two Germanies. The French are also concerned that the Kremlin might decide to go tit-for-tat; they want to keep Soviet support for the increasingly influential French communist Party at a low level.

Moreover, as far as dissidents in the Soviet Union are concerned, Carter's approach might well do them more harm than good. According to a noted Kremlin expert, the dissidents are in close touch with outsiders who as the Kremlin sees it, are out to undermine Soviet institutions. This could lead to a hard crack-down on the dissidents. The Kremlin is even more touchy about the possible effect of Mr. Carter's new approach on its East European allies than on dissidents inside the Soviet Union. In brief, Mr. Carter is rocking the boat for everyone.

This is not necessarily bad, as bureaucrats often get too stodgy and set in their ways. Yet the American president's approach may not only be novel; it might be downright naive. If Mr. Carter feels that he ought to pull his punches where some of his allies are concerned, even though their record on human rights leaves much to be desired, why should he think his ideological opponents ought to be any more understanding about his lack of diplomatic tact and his stirring up trouble for them at home?

The rest of the world stands to lose a great deal by a sudden cooling of relations between the two super-powers. In the Middle East, for instance, where the Arabs are enlisting support for the reconvening of the Geneva conference, a return to anything resembling the cold war would be inopportune. When the question of a Middle East peace is discussed between Mr. Vance and his hosts, we would like the two sides to tackle the problem in a constructive manner. It is true that the United States might be able to go it alone in playing the role of a peace-broker, yet Soviet animosity will not make that role any easier.

Furthermore, while Israel is deeply interested in the fate of Jewish dissidents in the Soviet Union and has derived great satisfaction from President Carter's remarks, the Arabs have been left out in the cold. How about human rights in the occupied territories and in Israel itself? The Arabs are human, after all, are they not?

In fact, the Arabs are protesting the violation of their human and civil rights today as they observe the Day of the Land. If Mr. Carter is indeed concerned about moral issues and has thrown diplomatic tact to the wind, there is fertile soil right here for true moral indignation on his part. That, too, might lead to a more forthright approach to the Middle East crisis.

Kenya to elect its leadership for the first time since 1966

Elections for key posts in Kenya in April could have major significance for the country's political future.

NAIROBI, (WFS). — The decision of President Jomo Kenyatta's ruling political party, the Kenya African National Union (KANU), to hold national elections for key party posts in April is important not only because they are the first such elections since 1966, but because they will determine the future leadership that will emerge in Kenya after Mr. Kenyatta.

KANU has not held national elections since the abortive ones of 1966, spearheaded by the late Mr. Tom Mboya, the aggressive KANU Secretary-General and Minister for Economic Planning who was assassinated in 1969. The 1969 KANU elections saw the creation of a breakaway group led by the former party Vice President, Mr. Oginga Odinga. Mr. Odinga formed an opposition party, the Kenya Peoples Union (KPU), which was later banned by the Kenya government; all its leaders, including Mr. Odinga, were put into detention.

Although there have been political squabbles within KANU, mainly due to personality differences among the various leaders, all have accepted Mr. Kenyatta as the undisputed national leader who has created the political stability enjoyed in Kenya since independence in 1963. There have been rifts within the party, the only political party in Kenya after the KPU was banned, but when these have been referred to Mr. Kenyatta, they have been resolved.

The April 3 national elections follow the successful completion of grassroot elections ordered by Mr. Kenyatta last year, and as the election campaign heats up, two opposing groups have emerged in KANU, each vying to gain the leadership of the party, but at the same time both pledging their loyalty to President Kenyatta as the undisputed leader of the party and the government.

The two groups are divided not on ideology but on personal differences. One group is led by former Foreign Minister, Dr. Njoroge Mungai, who is making a very rapid comeback to national politics after his defeat during the 1974 parliamentary elections, and the other group is led by the current Vice President, Mr. Daniel Arap Moi.

Dr. Mungai suffered a humiliating defeat at the 1974 national parliamentary elections at the hands of a relatively unknown politician who was making his first attempt to enter national politics. A former university lecturer, Dr. Johnstone Muthiora, defeated Dr. Mungai, mainly because the people of Dagoretti parliamentary constituency on the outskirts of Nairobi simply wanted a change.

The young and promising new M.P. did not stay long enough to prove his ability as a parliamentarian as he died shortly after the elections, and even in the by-election that followed his death Dr. Mungai did not contest, but was nominated by President Kenyatta to fill a parliamentary vacancy.

For someone who once occupied an influential position in Kenya — he was first minister for defence before moving to the ministry of foreign affairs — Dr. Mungai felt unhappy remaining an ordinary backbencher in the house, and since

ADDRESS COMMENTARY

Two Jordanian dailies commented in their Wednesday editorials on the demonstrations to be staged Thursday by Arabs in the occupied territories on the occasion of the Day of the Land, marking the anniversary of last year's violent demonstrations against the Israeli government's forcible takeover of land owned by Arabs, while a third daily discussed the cabinet meeting in Al Salt.

AL DUSTOUR, said that the Day of the Land has convinced international opinion, that the Israeli occupied and the Arab occupied cannot coexist. It also confirms the fact that the Arabs' occupied territories should be the centre of operations against the enemy; that Palestine is the homeland of the Palestinians for which they cannot accept another replacement. The Day of the Land has also emphasised the nature of the Palestinian struggle over Palestinian soil.

The Arabs in Israel and in the occupied territories commemorate the Day of the Land this year, aware of the positive developments which they have succeeded in achieving by their struggle and resistance. This does not mean that the end to their troubles is near. All are aware that the road to peace is still difficult and that there still remains ahead a long and hard fight against the enemy.

AL SHA'AB, discussing the same subject said that the Arabs' refusal to refrain from staging demonstrations on the Day of the Land and their opposition to the Israeli occupation is but a sure indicator of the strong national feelings they have in spite of their being separated from their mother land for years. The Day of the Land, the paper added, has proved that Arabs stick to their land and are ready to die defending it and their Arab character.

The Arabs in the occupied territories have offered a solid basis for an Arab joint action. Their upheaval on the Day of the Land, the paper said, calls for the support of all Arab sectors. A united effort enables a more influential role in the events taking place in the region and at the international level. By achieving this, the Day of the Land will have acquired a meaning.

AL RA'I, commenting on the cabinet meeting held in the city of Al Salt Wednesday said that the government's initiative to hold its cabinet meetings in the different governorates is a sound one enabling the representatives of the people to discuss frankly and with simplicity the day to day problems and needs of the citizens in these governorates.

However, the paper said, the government is still giving the Amman a region most of its attention while the other regions, which are crucial to the country's development of resources, are not receiving their due care. We should try to decentralise budget expenditures and transform our administrative organisation, which is no longer capable of coping with complex situations, instead of just modernising the buildings housing the government's administrative body.

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is the second of a two-part series on Jordan's satellite station.

by Fernando Francis

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At present, the project for the new dish is at the study stage. Jordan must reach agreement with new customers in the Pacific region concerning necessary equipment. Japan or India, for example, must equip themselves to be able to communicate with Jordan.

An agreement must also be made with IntelSat to assign frequencies. After these are allocated, the final specifications will be drawn up. The operational programme should be ready in April.

The present dish will be joined by a similar one in mid-1979.

"Preliminary studies show that the expense of building a second dish will be covered within the first three years of operation," Minister Al Rawabdeh said.

"Jordan is a partner in the IntelSat project. Our share at the moment is \$775,000," he added. "Our share in this project will be raised very soon to \$1.25 million. That means Jordan will receive a steady income on returns."

"The difference in construction costs between the present dish, which cost JD 500,000, and the new one comes about due to world-wide inflation. Also the Japanese contractors are now more expensive because of certain political reasons and inflation," he added.

"We have been approached by certain international firms for the construction of the second dish. One of the approaches was for construction and investment in the station for five years. Then it would be handed over to Jordan free of charge. But that is not the way we want it."

Mr. Khasawneh further clarified this point: "Contracts will be submitted to international bidders. However, we have received proposals from Mitsubishi, ITP and NEG, but these proposals cannot satisfy our requirements, which are still to be ascertained."

He added: "As for the staffing situation, there will be a great problem if things remain as now. This situation needs the understanding of top officials and should be looked at in a different way. The problem is not in the availability of engineers -- it is in keeping those engineers for a long period of time."

Another exciting opening for Jordan in the telecommunications field is the Arab satellite project. This satellite will broadcast community TV, and telephone calls in the Arab World.

A committee is now arranging the project. It will call for qualified consultants, then specifications will be drawn up, after which bids will go out for the work required.

Small earth stations -- of ten, seven and three metre diameter -- will receive the signals from the Arab satellite.

The satellite, to be launched in 1980 at the earliest, will mainly serve remote areas. Jordan, however, will only require one antenna -- possibly the ten-metre type to be located at the satellite station -- to serve its needs.

Anyone who wants an antenna for this project can have one installed for only \$10-15,000.

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SHARAF RETURNS AFTER VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

AMMAN (R). — Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf returned here Tuesday night from a visit to Saudi Arabia during which he delivered a message from King Hussein to Saudi Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz.

He and Lt-Gen. Zaid bin Shaker, Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces, who accompanied him on his one-day visit, also held talks with the Saudi crown prince.

Official sources said the talks covered cooperation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia and the Middle East situation.

The meeting was also attended by Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Second Deputy Premier, and Prince Saud Al Faisal, Saudi Foreign Minister.

MEDICAL MEET TO BE HELD FRIDAY

AMMAN (J.T.). — The first medical conference of the Society of Internal Medicine will be held in Amman Friday.

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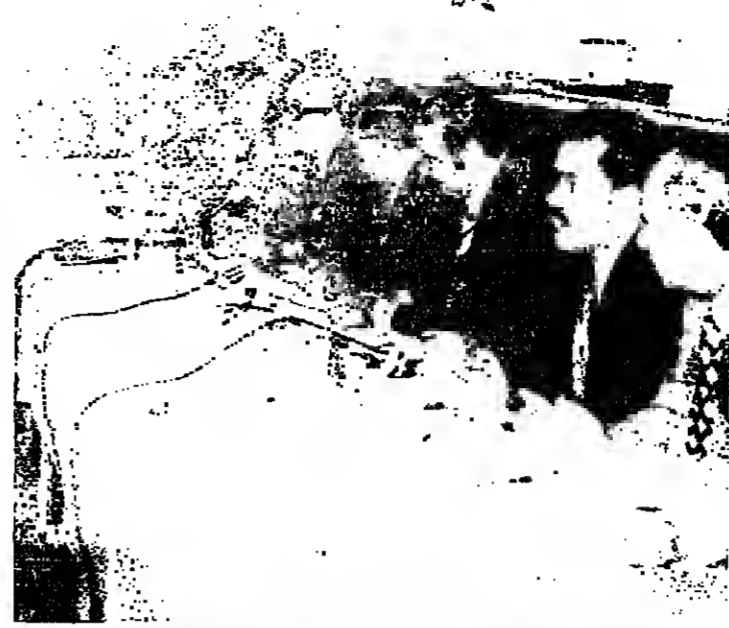
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The Cabinet, headed by Premier Mudar Badran, meets the people at Salt's Teachers' Training Institute Wednesday. (JNA photo).

Exports in for boost after integration meet

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan's exports to the Arab Common Market are in for a boost after the conclusion of a series of meetings here Tuesday between a delegation from the General Secretariat of the Council of Arab Economic Unity and Jordanian officials.

Discussions centred on the problems of developing and boosting commercial exchange among the states in the Arab Common Market, and on the General Secretariat's programme for 1977 as well as its study on the Jordanian goods that can be exported to Arab states in the market and the possibility of increasing their numbers.

The General Manager of the Department of Economic Cooperation at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Mohammad Saqqaf said that it was agreed to set up a working party of Qatari and Jordanian officials to conduct a study on boosting Jordanian exports in cooperation with the Department of Export Development of the Council.

He added that this study will be completed before the end of November. It will be submitted to the council for study and implementation.

Mr. Qadri Sharqawi, President of the General Trade Department of the Council, said after the meetings that Dr. Abdul A'al Saqban, the Secretary General of the Council, had named 1977 as Arab Common Market year, during which the council would do its best to boost the number of member states.

Mr. Sharqawi added that the General Secretariat had decided to send delegations to Iraq, Syria and Egypt to conduct economic discussions similar to those in Jordan that will lead to economic integration among Arab countries and towards implementation of Common Market resolutions.

Mr. Sharqawi described his discussions with Jordanian officials as fruitful.

The delegation, including Mr. Sharqawi and Mr. Ahmad Salah, an export expert the Council left here for Damascus Tuesday afternoon for similar discussions.

Jordan, being a member of the Common Market, exported the value of JD 2.5 million to Iraq, JD 1.3 million to Egypt and JD 3.6 million to Syria in 1975. Its imports were JD 800,000 from Iraq, JD 3.5 million from Egypt and JD 6.3 million from Syria.

Cabinet holds session in Salt

SALT (JNA). — The Cabinet held a closed session here Wednesday and decided on a number of resolutions:

-- to allocate JD 65,000 for asphalt and completing 13 roads connecting villages in the Governorate of Salt; JD 26,000 for building schools; and JD 15,540 for opening six post office branches in the villages of Somya, Al Qaseeb, Aleiqun, Hanou, Rawdah and Northern Bayoudah;

-- to donate JD 5,000 for mosques in the governorate; JD 40,000 in support of Salt Municipality; and JD 10,000 for asphalt roads in Baqa'a refugee camp;

-- to buy five water tanks for Salt; and

-- to open four medical clinics in Somya, Rumman, Um Al Dananeer and Al Qaseeb.

Earlier, Premier Mudar Badran and his ministers held an open discussion with officials and representatives of different sectors in Balqa Governorate at the Teachers' Training Institute here.

The meeting was opened by Governor of Balqa Ahmad Aqayish, who reviewed the governorate's needs, which centred on improving and developing the water and electric power supply; roads and communications; medical services; educational, tourist, postal and telephone facilities; and expanding the number of agricultural projects.

Several speakers then explained the requirements of their villages.

In his reply, Mr. Badran said that the Cabinet's meetings with the citizens in their towns and villages are His Majesty King Hussein's personal wish aimed at boosting democracy and enabling a large number of citizens to share responsibility.

Mr. Badran and the ministers then discussed with the participants all the problems submitted to them by the people of the Governorate of Balqa and later took the decisions mentioned above.

Khleifawi receives Talhouni

DAMASCUS, March 30 (JNA). — Syrian Prime Minister Maj-Gen. Abdul Rahman Khleifawi received the Speaker of the Jordanian Upper House Bahjat Talhouni here Wednesday.

Speaker of the Syrian People's Council, Mohammad Ali Al Halaby also attended the meeting which discussed matters related to the Arab Parliamentary Union, of which Mr. Talhouni is Chairman.

Mr. Talhouni also met with the Speaker of the Palestinian National Council Mr. Khalid Al Fahoum, and discussed with him the general Arab situation and Arab parliamentary affairs.

Mr. Talhouni told reporters that the Jordanian and Syrian parliamentary branches had submitted a memorandum to the International Parliamentary Union for debate during its forthcoming autumn session in Sofia.

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Saudi riyal	93.5	94.2
Lebanese pound	109.0	110.0
Syrian pound	81.7	81.9
Iraqi dinar	942.0	950.0
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Women find a developing role in Jordan's work force

Women form a large and vital segment of the population which if properly trained and guided could help provide a fair amount of Jordan's needed labour. The recent labour drain to the oil-rich states which reduced the local labour force drastically has put skilled labour into great demand. The question lies in where to get the personnel. The most likely source is from the female population. Due to this situation a greater awareness is needed in order to properly encourage and foster this development.

At the symposium on manpower development held April 4, 1976 in Amman, a group of economists; Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber, Dr. Suleiman Abdul Ati, Dr. Saheh Khasawneh, Dr. Omaymah Dahhan, Mr. Jawad El Anani, Mr. Salem Ghawi, and Miss Hiyam Kalamat submitted a research paper dealing with the role of the Jordanian woman in Jordan's economy. We present this paper as an introduction to this year's seminar to be held April 4-7, organised by the International Labour Organisation and the planning council about labour and population which will again deal with the developing role of woman in Jordan's work force.

This article will appear in three parts. The first part shows statistically the distribution of the labour force in Jordan and its effect on the female role.

Evolution of the labour force according to main centers

In 1970, the non-agricultural civil labour force was concentrated in the Amman governorate which polarised around 85

per cent of the total labour force and 97 per cent of female workers. This is attributed to the concentration of most of the big commercial and industrial establishments, as well as the services, in the capital,

resulting in vast immigration from the other governorates to Amman. In addition, the high percentage of female workers in Amman is also attributed to cultural developments as well as to the acceptance, on the part of society and the family, of women's contribution in the various economic and social activities.

While the Amman governorate claimed 97 per cent of the total female work force in the kingdom, the percentage dropped to only 1.5 per cent in Irbid governorate, 0.09 per cent in Balqa governorate and next to nothing in Ma'an governorate.

Sensing this situation, the government attempted to curb the trend. This was evident in the objectives of the Three-Year Plan (1973-1975) which called for curbing internal emigration and the distribution of industry in the various districts.

It can safely be said that the plan has succeeded to a large extent in achieving this objective, as reflected in the current distribution of the labour force. In 1976, Amman governorate claimed only 70.5 per cent of the labour force in the civil non-agricultural sector and 70.8 of the female workers; the percentage of female workers rose to 18 per cent in

Irbid, 5.2 per cent in Balqa, 4.0 per cent in Kerak and around 2 per cent in Ma'an.

Distribution of the labour force according to economic activity

The services and public administration sector continues to include the largest percentage of the labour force of both sexes. In 1970, this sector employed 37.8 per cent of the total labour force and around 76.1 per cent of the female workers. It was followed in significance by the industrial sector which claimed 21.1 per cent of the entire labour force and 12.7 per cent of the female workers.

The high participation of women in the services and public administration and the industrial sectors is attributed to the large number of female workers in the government employ, on the one hand, especially in the fields of education and health, and on the other, in the fields of administration and the trades in the industrial sector. In contrast, the low participation of women in the other sectors is attributed to social, educational and physiological factors; in the mining sector, for example, women workers constituted only 0.1 per cent in both 1970 and 1975. This can be viewed in the light of physiological considerations in the first place. In the electricity, water and gas sector the percentage of female workers reached 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent in 1970 and 1975 respectively.

But the development of women's participation is perhaps clearest in the services and public administration and the industrial sectors. The Jordanian woman has found that there are wider horizons than being a teacher or a typist. So she moved to the industrial field and, while the percentage of female workers in the industrial sector was 12.7 per cent in 1970, it rose to 20.9 per cent in 1975. On the other hand, women's participation in the services sector dropped from 76.1 per cent in 1970 to 70.2 per cent in 1975. This is attributed to the evolution in society's view -- indeed, the family's -- of women and to the expansion of training opportunities for women.

But, in spite of an increase in women's participation in the civil non-agricultural establishments -- from 9.6 per cent in 1970 to 13.6 per cent in 1975 -- women still are unable to participate in the other economic and social sectors, such as construction, commerce and finance.

Unless, the society's concept is basically liberated in regard to what women can or cannot do, and unless women are provided with wider chances for more training in the various professions, the scope for women's work will continue to be limited and the possibility of her participation will continue to be slow.

Distribution of the labour force according to age groups

Though the labour force in Jordan continues to be characteristically young, it has, on the average, slightly tended to grow older. The percentage of those in the 15-39 age group dropped from 72.6 per cent in 1970 to 69.2 per cent in 1975. With female workers, it was the opposite: In this age group, female workers increased from 83.3 per cent in 1970 to 87.4 per cent in 1975. While the increase is not striking, it is an encouraging indication that the participation of married women is on the increase, especially among those female workers in the 20-25 age group. It is worth mentioning that the par-

ticipation of women in the 35-44 age group has increased from 8 per cent in 1970 to 12.8 per cent in 1975. This reiterates the conclusion that more married women are joining the labour force. For this development to continue, it is necessary to launch an expansion programme for the establishment of nurseries in the various parts of the kingdom in order to help working women to continue their mission in all fields of economic activity.

Distribution of the labour force according to employment

The majority of the labour force continues to be the wage earners, their percentage rising from 58.2 per cent in 1970 to 76.2 per cent in 1975. This is attributed to the establishment of big incorporated establishments. But this is not reflected in the case of women: In 1970, 93.8 per cent of the female labour force were wage earners, while in 1975, this ratio dropped to 86.3 per cent.

This is attributed to a rise in the number of self-employed women (from 4.8 per cent in 1970 to 13.3 per cent in 1975). The increase is concentrated in the industrial sector, where the participation of self-employed women exceeded that of men. Figures for 1975 indicate that 20.6 per cent of the total males engaged in industry are self-employed, while 56.6 per cent of the total female workers in the industrial sector were self-employed. This is attributed to a rise in the number of female workers in sewing and weaving. The percentage of those women working for the family without wages dropped from 1.4 per cent to 0.5 per cent due to a rise in the number of self-employed women.

Distribution of the labour force according to occupation

Occupations have been classified into six groups:

A-1: High professional occupation, usually requiring university education, such as physicians and engineers.

A-2: High technical occupations, requiring a degree in the arts, such as accountants and economists.

B: Technical professions, requiring two years of study beyond the secondary school, such as surveyors, draughtsmen and assistant engineers.

C-1: Skilled clerical occupations, requiring secondary school education, such as administrative supervisors and bookkeepers.

C-2: Skilled manual occupations, requiring secondary school education, such as carpenters and blacksmiths.

D: Other unskilled occupations, usually not requiring any academic standard, such as cooks, restaurant personnel and first line factory workers.

All these groups maintained their relative significance between 1970 and 1975. Group D constituted the largest percentage in both years, reaching 28.4 per cent and 25.1 per cent respectively. Next in significance was group C-2 which registered 25.5 per cent and 25.0 per cent for the two years respectively. These were followed by groups C-1, B, and A-2. But this relative distribution was different as far as women were concerned. Here, group B scored the highest percentages (47.9 per cent for 1970 and 45.2 per cent for 1975).

This is attributed to the rise in the number of female workers in the educational field who have graduated from

the teachers training centres. This group was followed in significance by group C-2 where the percentage was 14.5 per cent for 1970 and around 21 per cent for 1975. This is attributed to a rise in the number of female workers in the field of sewing. In general, it can be stated that female workers of certain groups enjoyed a higher degree of intellectual and manual skills than did men and that the number of women with these skills, especially the high technical skills in Group A-1, is on the rise. The percentage of females in group A-1, rose from around 1.8 per cent in 1970 to 1.5 per cent in 1975. In spite of the fact that the difference is very small, the development in the higher technical occupations is positive as far as women are concerned. This is attributed to the joining of increased numbers of highly qualified women in the labour force. But this process is a slow one in relation to the large number of graduates from universities and institutes of higher studies.

Average wages and salaries in the April 1975 employment survey

Occupations under consideration cover around 46.7 per cent of the entire labour force included in the April 1975 employment survey; these constituted 60.1 per cent of the total female workers and around 44.5 per cent of the total male workers. In the selection, the most important occupations in which female workers engaged were taken into consideration. In studying wages and salaries, it was noticed that there were no basic differences in average wages between men and women. To the contrary,

some occupations paid women higher wages than they did men, such as chemistry, medicine, pharmacy, nursing, elementary school education, executive government positions. Males usually receive higher wages in the other occupations. With the exception of some occupations such as university teaching and department directors it was also noted that men received higher wages in professions which do not require high scientific training. As a whole, the average wages for men are generally higher than those for women.

In the April, 1975 survey the average daily wage in Jordan was around JD 1.600 for men and JD 1.400 for women. This indicates that employers do differentiate between the sexes; on the contrary, the shortage in the supply of workers makes their income from some occupations higher than that of men. But, it must be noted that this situation is attributed as mentioned earlier, to the low number of women who enter the labour market.

A random sample of 30 university graduates in the sciences, who have spent 10 years in government service -- 50 per cent of them were women -- was drawn from records of the Civil Service Bureau. Analysis indicated a difference in promotion opportunities between the sexes. Males enjoyed a higher promotion of opportunities than females. But, while it is difficult to generalise results obtained from analysis of a small sample, the fact remains that studies in this direction are necessary.

Tomorrow: The technical field draws.

King Khaled turns to computer technology to sort out the annual Hajj traffic jam

King Khaled of Saudi Arabia, determined to maintain his kingdom's time-honoured role as the protector of the Muslim holy places of Mecca and Medina, has called in American computer and management experts to help him cope with the growing logistical problems of the Hajj -- the historic pilgrimage to Mecca.

For the first time since these historic pilgrimages began, officials of the host country this year attempted to monitor and measure air traffic and passenger congestion at Jeddah airport in Saudi Arabia, the point of entry for nearly a half million pilgrims. (This year's Hajj occurred from November 25 through December 6).

Halaby International Corporation (HICO), the New York-based international firm now has the responsibility to oversee this highly technical and specialised transportation activity. HICO is working closely with the Saudi Arabia Civil Aviation Department, and with Lockheed Aircraft International A.G., prime contractor on the \$625 million programme to provide Saudi Arabia with an up-dated air traffic control system.

HICO is headed by Najeeb E. Halaby, who was formerly chairman and chief executive officer of Pan American World Airways, and from 1961 to 1965 was Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

Addressing himself to the Hajj assignment from King Khaled, Mr. Halaby said: "In an effort to reduce aircraft and passenger congestion at the Jeddah airport prior to and after the Hajj, and to greatly improve the safety factor for pilgrims, a computerised traffic flow model will be developed to improve airport flow with the aid of data processing systems engineering."

The approach taken by Halaby International for Saudi Arabia represents the first technically pragmatic approach to the problem since pilgrims began arriving annually nearly 1,300 years ago. The team of experts will attempt to analyse both aircraft scheduling and the flow of passengers so that the Saudi officials charged with handling the pilgrims can quickly and systematically evaluate the effects of their airport resources as it related to variations in aircraft scheduling and the more efficient processing of pilgrims.

The number of pilgrims who travel to Mecca increases each year. In the past 20 years the number of pilgrims to undertake the journey has increased sixfold, and in just the last five has doubled. In 1975, of the 1.4 million who arrived for the religious experience, about 30 per cent, or 450,000 arrived by air through the gateway of

the Jeddah airport. This compared to 60,000 as recently as 1971.

The impact on Saudi Arabia has been staggering. Where officials once talked of the "flow" of pilgrims, they now have begun to think in terms of a "flood", cresting sometime during the 10 days immediately preceding the start of the Hajj.

In addition to direct interviews with airport personnel at Jeddah, information for the computer model will be obtained from airline scheduled service; requested Hajj charter flight schedules; military flight plans and cargo schedules.

Saudi Arabian Airlines Corp. -- Saudia -- the kingdom's airline, has the mandate to transport all Hajj pilgrims from Islamic centres around the world. Since the traffic volume is well beyond the airline's normal passenger carrying capability, arrangements are made with some 45 different carriers to provide special service from Europe, Africa and the Far East.

Jeddah airport normally handles about 120 operations (take-offs and landings) per day. Four weeks prior to the Hajj, traffic builds rapidly to about 400 operations per day, seriously straining airport services.

Last year, most pilgrims arrived from other Arab countries and Asia, but the numbers also included 75,000 from Africa, just under 5,000 from Europe and nearly 99 from North, Central and South America.

The information obtained through the work performed by the research team will be crucial to the continuing success of the Hajj, according to Saudi officials. And if it takes computer technology to facilitate ancient religious rites, so be it, they say.

The traffic flow study team is now returning from Saudi Arabia, after observing and collecting data during this year's Hajj, which will then be used to develop the computer model, scheduled to be fully operational for the 1979 Hajj pilgrimage.

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CRISTOPHE'S CITADEL -- The Citadel, a massive fortress built in the early 1800s, perches on a mountaintop 6,000 feet above the Caribbean. (AP photo).

Haiti's citadel tells legend of founding father

CAP-Haitien, Haiti (AP). -- The massive citadel has waited nearly two centuries for the invasion. No shots were ever fired in anger from the mountaintop fortress perched in the clouds 6,000 feet above the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. But more than 20,000 men died carrying the stones to build it and the canoes to defend it.

Henry, Christophe, the black general who fought for Haiti's freedom from France and then declared himself king, built the citadel to stave off an attack by Napoleon's navy. That assault never came. Since Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier died in 1971 and his motorcycle-riding son, Jean-Claude, became president-for-life, Haiti has tried to shed its boy-soldier image. The dreaded Top-Ton Macoutes, or secret police, keep a low profile, and "voodoo" most often appears as a floor show. During the final years of Papa Doc's feared regime, few outsiders came to Haiti much less Cap-Haitien.

We had a 12-year-old named Elie tell us the story of King Henry Christophe and his fort. Elie's English, heavily accented with Creole, does not come easily, but the magic of the ruins helped and the stories told themselves.

He led us to the powder magazine and then to a sarcophagus. "Christophe, he always tell his generals not to light cigarettes in the powder magazine. One day this general, Christophe's son-in-law, forgot and lit his cigarette in the powder magazine. The magazine exploded, and there is his tomb."

Smuff was more common than cigarettes in Christophe's time, but there was an explosion in the powder magazine in 1818. It was touched off by lightning not by a cigarette, and Christophe's brother-in-law, not his son-in-law, was among the 160 men killed.

Elie continued his tour, pointing out the wall cracked by the "arse-squash" (earthquake), the foundry where the cannons

were made, the cannons cast in Barcelona with gargoyles on the breeches, the brick kilns, the bakery ovens and the hospital.

Poised on a parapet, Elie told how Christophe outwitted a French envoy who was reconnoitering the citadel.

"Christophe, he only have 50 shar-jays." Whatever a shar-jay is -- perhaps derived from the French charge d'affaires -- it apparently means soldier in this context. And while Christophe certainly had more than 50 of them, the story holds up.

"The man from France, he must not know there are only 50 shar-jays, or he will send his army to fight them," Elie recounted.

"But Christophe have three uniforms for each shar-jay. So the man from France come to the citadel and see the 50 shar-jays in their uniforms and walk by them. The shar-jays jump down and put on the

other uniforms and run at the corner before he get the surprise and he see them.

"The shar-jays jump down and run around the corner and put on the other uniforms and he see them, he tell Christophe: 'You have so many shar-jays that we never fight you.' This man back to France and he fight Christophe."

After Christophe's death in 1820, the citadel was abandoned. The fort's only modern structure is a monument to Christophe, who was president of northern Haiti 1807. Four years later, dying of equal with crowned heads of Europe proclaimed himself king.

More than 200,000 men conscripted to build his pa Sans-Souci, and his citadel Ferriere. It was a harsh One out of every 10 men from exhaustion or mist mistment building the citadel.

By 1820, when Christophe was 63 and partially paralyzed, his troops rebelled and leaders of southern Haiti so to reunite Christophe's kingdom with their republic.

With shouts of "A bay tyran! A bay Christophe! Down with the tyrant! Down with Christophe!" -- resounding outside the walls of Sans-Souci, King Henry I of shot himself through the with a silver bullet.

His body was carried to the citadel and buried in a lime.

Sans-Souci's wooden fountains, gilt and tiles are long gone; only stone walls and stairs remain. The tropical gardens of Queen Marie-Louise and ladies strolled have disappeared, replaced by dry grass.

When a friend bought a bottle for Gheorghios Kalpaktsis in a cafe, the farmer wanted to return the favour.

He paid the waiter for another beer with two tickets of the national lottery instead of money. They won 400,000 drachmas for their new owner.



LOST DREAM OF A KING -- The ruins of Sans Souci palace in Haiti, on the island of Haiti, suggest something of their former splendor as the home of King Henry I of Haiti. (AP photo).

Handwritten Arabic text: *مركز الصحافة*

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ A K J 3
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ K 10 6 5 2
 ♣ 7 3

WEST
 ♠ 9 8 7 6 4 2
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ A Q 2

EAST
 ♠ 10 5
 ♥ K Q 10 7 4
 ♦ J 9 7
 ♣ 10 8 4

SOUTH
 ♠ Q
 ♥ J 9 6 5
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ K J 9 6 5

The bidding:
 South West North East
 Pass Pass 1♦ Pass
 2♦ Pass 2♣ Pass
 2NT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♣.

It would seem that new stars are rising in the East! In the Far East Championships held in Auckland, New Zealand, the card play of the Pakistanis, who finished fourth in the team event, drew much admiration. Here is a sample of their defense from the match against Australia.

North-South were Dick Cummings and Tim Seres of Australia, one of the world's leading pairs. Sitting East-West for Pakistan were Nishat and Munir. With 26 points in high cards and all suits well stopped, three no trump by North-South was a reasonable contract.

Munir got his side off to a good start when he selected the eight of hearts for his opening lead. Seres played low from dummy, Nishat won the queen and returned

a heart to dummy's ace. There were seven tricks in top cards, and it seemed that it would be simple enough to

establish dummy's long diamonds for the other two tricks. So at trick three, declarer led a low diamond from dummy.

Had East routinely followed suit with the seven of diamonds, declarer would have played low and West

would have been forced to win the trick. The contract would now have been safe, for there would have been no entry to the East hand to

cash the king of hearts. But Nishat rose to the occasion by inserting his nine of diamonds.

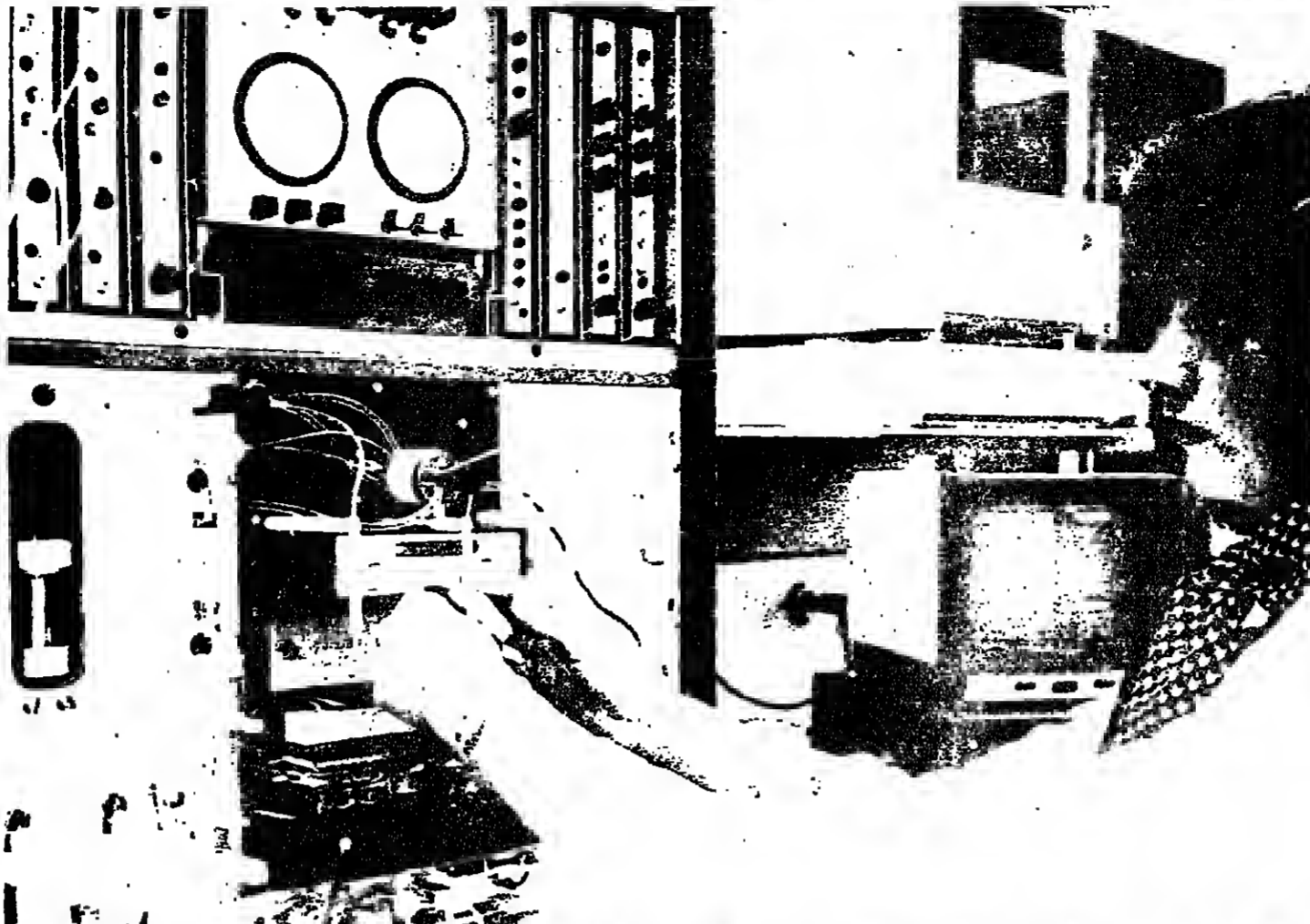
Declarer was forced to change his plan, since he

wanted to protect his clubs from attack. He won the ace of diamonds, but now Munir sealed declarer's fate with a very neat counter. Without a moment's hesitation, he jettisoned his queen of diamonds under the ace!

Now there was no way declarer could set up his diamonds without letting East

gain the lead with the jack. When East did so, he cashed the king of hearts and shifted to a club. The defenders collected two hearts, two clubs and a diamond for down one.

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Gain the support of higher-ups on a new plan you have in mind. Do what you most prefer during your spare time.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Plan how to expand in career matters. Be careful of outsiders with strange ideas. Use extreme care in motion today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Find a new outlet that can give you more abundance and increase happiness. Sidestep one who wants to waste your time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You know how an important monetary matter should be handled, so get busy on them early in the day.

EO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Ideal day to do what you most desire. Social affairs are good during the day but not in the evening. Avoid a troublemaker.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Contact one who has the data you need and also get advice on how to improve conditions around you. Relax at home tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are able to comprehend what associates expect of you. Be sure to accept an invitation to a big social event.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Use your good judgment in handling an important career matter today. Evening is fine for enjoying fine music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make new friends of those whose experience is different from yours. Make plans to improve your surroundings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be alert in the handling of business affairs today. Make long-range plans for the future with loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Many things come up now that will reveal what is best to do to solve problems you may have. Safeguard your reputation.

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JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Scramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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QULLAS
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GLIMYR
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print the surprise answer here: □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: QUIRE HONEY SIZZLE FEDORA
 Answer: Sometimes drunk by squares—"ROUNDS"

TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURE
YOUNG DR. KILDARE :
THINGS WITH FEATHER

Woman refuses to be treated for Cancer and travels to Switzerland on vacation.

THE QUEST :
DYNASTY OF EVIL

The Beaudine brothers help rancher against neighbour and his three sons.

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LORD I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU...
 WHY AM I SLEEPING IN A CARDBOARD BOX? WHY DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE THIS?
 WHY ME LORD?
 DON'T ANSWER THAT!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Officious
- Marsh
- Skirt part
- Copycat
- Cameroon's tribe
- Guano's second name
- Dry
- Fantasy
- Pea or nut
- Pick out
- Regular
- Seaweed
- Removed by force
- Formality
- Stratum
- Japanese
- Admiral
- Alghan, for one
- Replying in kind
- Successful bidder
- Fitted with shoes
- Metallic element
- Town on the Thames
- Wrong
- Period of time
- High silk hat
- Pensive
- Small draught
- Maple genus
- DOWN
- Maui
- Regulating devices
- Rodent
- ...the Red"
- Befitting
- Town in Nevada
- Games of chance
- Short-legged horse
- Debatable
- Jason's ship
- Fatuous
- Commiserate
- Urge
- Glowing
- Greek letter
- Escape
- Bell Song is one.
- Sort
- Site of Tell legend
- Diagram
- Saul's grandfather

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ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

Enthusiasm greets new British budget

LONDON, March 30 (R). — Sterling and British government bonds were in heavy demand today as world financial markets responded enthusiastically to Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey's income tax-cutting budget.

The reaction increased downward pressure on short-term money market interest rates in Britain. Leading British banks

clipped their base rates by 1 per cent to 9.5 per cent.

Foreign exchange dealers said the Bank of England intervened to hold sterling down at just over \$1.72, buying an estimated \$100 million to do so. Earlier, the British Central Bank acted in the New York and Hong Kong exchanges to curb sterling's rise.

The financial community was relieved at the caution shown by Mr. Healey in applying only a slight economic stimulus in

his budget measures, thereby avoiding inflationary risks.

Businessmen also approved of the incentives to wage earners provided by a two-part reduction in income tax amounting to £2.3 billion in a full year.

The fall in interest rates will be welcome to the government as a sign of improved financial prospects on the eve of a by-election in the Midlands town of Stechford, in which the Labour Party is defending the seat vacated by Mr. Roy Jen-

kins on becoming President of the European Common Market Commission.

Voters have had to stomach unpleasant medicine in the budget, including dearer cigarettes, petrol, and motor-car licences.

A defeat at Stechford would be a serious setback for the government, which has lost its overall majority in the House of Commons and has had to make a deal with the minority Liberal Party in order to stay in office.

Healey's budget must now face the unions

LONDON, March 30 (R). — After offering tax cuts in return for wage restraint in yesterday's budget, Britain's Labour government now faces a tough period of bargaining with the country's powerful trade unions to reach a new anti-inflation pact.

The government is trying to persuade the unions to accept a third year of restraint on wage increases as Britain struggles to reduce its high inflation. Two years of limits have held so far, and the annual inflation rate has been halved to around 15 per cent.

The signs following yesterday's budget showed that the task of persuasion this time

will not be easy. Prices have been rising alarmingly in the shops. Union chiefs have warned they are under pressure from their members to break the pact with the government.

In his budget statement, Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey made some tax cuts immediately, and said that if another round of pay limits is agreed, further reductions will be made, reducing the income tax burden by a total of £2.25 billion in a full year.

Mr. Healey claimed this would give Britons a 4.5 per cent rise in real income. A married man on the average earnings of some £80 a week would benefit by £2 a week. Some 850,000 workers on low

incomes would become exempt from income tax altogether under the new scheme, and higher-paid people, such as middle management executives, would also be helped. About 800,000 of them would avoid paying taxes at the previous high executive rates.

Under the new rules also, a British employee working abroad for 30 days or more in one year would pay no tax on 25 per cent of his foreign earnings. This would apply whether the 30 days were continuous or not.

Mr. Healey said it was important to find ways of improving the tax treatment of employees living in Britain but working abroad, "particularly

those at the sharp end of exporting."

His proposals were designed mainly to benefit those working abroad for a relatively short time.

To the cheers of the opposition Conservatives, Mr. Healey told parliament that too many people had been paying high tax rates and this had weakened incentive throughout the economy.

Some 36 per cent of the total planned tax reliefs have been granted immediately and unconditionally. The rest follows if a wage restraint agreement is reached.

This was a tactic which was tried last year, and worked, although the unions turned down Mr. Healey's request for a three per cent wage-rise limit and settled for 4.5 per cent ceiling instead.

TAIWAN TO BUILD A POWER STATION IN SAUDI ARABIA

TAIPEI, March 30 (R). — A government-owned power company has won a contract to build a power station in Saudi Arabia at an estimated cost of more than \$150 million, the Central News Agency reported today.

It said the project, which includes a 50,000 kW central power station, nine substations and transmitting lines, will cover a vast rural area around Al Buha in southern Saudi Arabia.

The Taipower Company will send 4 technicians and engineers to supervise the work, the agency said.

Maritime industries should share out markets, says Lloyd's report

LONDON, March 30 (AFP). — Cautious optimism for the future of the world's maritime industries is expressed by the Lloyd's Register of Shipping in its annual report published today.

At the same time, it emphasises that world output figures, in terms of completions, are "certain" to be reduced by as much as 50 per cent compared with recent years.

It points out that the industry "must" find an equitable solution to the problems brought about by this drastically reduced demand: "The sharing of available markets... indeed that is at all possible... may be starting point."

But there are warnings against flooding the market with designs for new types of multi-purpose or hybrid ships as well as diverting resources to repair

work. A fairly extensive scrapping programme is advocated, but, the report adds, this in itself raises the question of the ability of the shipbreakers to cope with the situation. The need for research is stressed, while, if planning and judgments are sound, the industry can "draw a deep breath and look forward with a degree of cautious optimism," it added.

Reviewing the situation at the end of 1976, the report said that the picture was not one of gloom and despair, as there were signs that the downward plunge of the order book intake, prevalent since the end of 1973, could be "levelling out" and that a more consistent pattern would be revealed over the next few years.

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices suffered a sharp decline Wednesday on the New York stock exchange where the industrial average lost nearly 11 points.

Trading was moderate. Interest rate and inflation worries came back to haunt the market following a brief technical rally on Tuesday, which had disappointed investors (after a string of eight declining sessions).

The apparent collapse of SALT negotiations in Moscow also had a negative influence on the exchange.

Declines outnumbered advances at the bell by a wide 1,044 to 366 margin, as most groups of shares closed on a weaker tone with the exception of gold mines.

Blue chip and glamour issues were among the hardest hit as IBM fell four points to 276-5/8, while Kodak lost 1-7/8 to 68-1/2, and big names such as General Motors, Ford, Dupont and Xerox all lost a dollar or more.

At the close the industrial average shows at 921.21, a loss of 10.81 points; Transp at 223.61, a loss of 2.63; utilities at 105.57, a loss of 0.26, 18,810,000 shares changed hands, of which 3,570,000 during the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Government bonds Wednesday made strong headway, gaining up to 3-1/2 points in a market short of stock. Favourable market response to Tuesday's U.K. budget, stronger sterling and lower interest rates contributed to the advance, dealers said.

Trading in bonds was particularly heavy.

There was moderate two-way trading interest in equities and most issues finished below the day's highs. At 15:00 the F.T. index was up 7.2 to 427.6 after a 429.7 high.

Gold shares firmed on further American interest and dealers reported no reaction so far to the South African budget. Dollar stocks gained and Canadians were occasionally easier.

B.F. rose 14p while gains of 7p to 12p were scored by Hawker Siddeley, Fisons, Decca, Guest Keen and ICI.

Banks ended with net rises of up to 2p after an irregular trend following base rate reductions of one point.

Tube Investment finished 14p up after results better than market expectations.

Price of gold closed in London Wednesday at \$149.45/oz.

Misunderstanding by pilot rumoured to be cause of Santa Cruz air crash

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, March 30 (AFP). — American members of the three-nation team investigating last week's crash of two Jumbo jets which killed 576 people here have asked to interview two air traffic controllers in the control tower at the time.

Mr. William Haley, a member of the U.S. National Transportation Security Board, said they had many questions to put to the controllers, in particular concerning weather conditions at the time of the crash.

He said they hoped to receive a copy of the recording of what was said in the tower during the nine minutes preceding the accident in which Boeing 747s of the Dutch KLM Airline and Pan American Airways collided on the runways.

The American delegates said they had already heard evidence from the Pan Am pilot.

According to rumours circulating here, the crash may have resulted from a misunderstanding between the control tower and one of the pilots.

The controllers were speaking English and their instructions might have been misinterpreted by the KLM captain, who could have understood the words "before takeoff" to mean "for takeoff," according to unconfirmed reports.

Santa Cruz Airport was partially reopened today, but its use was restricted to short take-off planes shuttling between here and Las Palmas on the neighbouring Island of Grand Canaria.

KLM announced in Amsterdam that it would start flying home the bodies of the 248 Dutch victims this Friday if the airport runway had been cleared of debris by then.

A U.S. air force cargo plane landed in New Jersey early today with 52 survivors of the airport collision and one dead passenger who died during the trans-Atlantic flight.

Another badly-burned American passenger remained at Las Palmas, the Canary Island capital, for initial treatment.

Those in most critical condition were scheduled to be flown to San Antonio, Texas, to a military hospital specialising in saving the lives of extensively-burned people.

Nimeiri, Sadat, Assad will meet in May, newspaper says

KHARTOUM, March 30 (AFP). — President Jaafar Nimeiri of Sudan, Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Hafez Assad of Syria will hold in May the first meeting of the Unified Political Command they established at their summit here earlier this month, it was reported today.

The daily Al Sahafa said that as well as discussing "important issues relating to the Arab World, the African continent and cooperation projects," the three leaders would decide on the formation of specialised committees of the command.

Al Sahafa reported also that Sudan's Foreign Minister Mansour Khalid, who flew to Cairo yesterday, would be delivering President Nimeiri's report to Mr. Sadat on last week's summit meeting of Red Sea states at Ta'iz in North Yemen.

The meeting, also attended by the heads of state of North and South Yemen and Somalia, discussed ways of guaranteeing Red Sea security. The Unified Political Command countries have said they want the Red Sea to be "an Arab lake of peace."

The paper said that from Cairo, Mr. Khalid would fly to

Paris with a message for President Valery Giscard d'Estaing from President Nimeiri.

The Sudanese minister would also discuss preparations for the Sudanese head of state's visit to France next June, Al Sahafa added.

From Paris, Mr. Khalid is scheduled to fly to Washington for talks on U.S.-Sudanese relations and a review of the economic, technical and cultural cooperation agreed on during President Nimeiri's visit to the U.S. in June last year, the paper said.

Do you know of rings around Uranus?

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California, March 30 (AFP). — The recently discovered five rings of Uranus are located in a narrow band 7,000 kms across, their discoverers announced at a news conference here today.

Astronomer James Elliot and his assistants, Mr. Edward Dunham and Mr. Douglas Mink said the rings were about 18,000 kms from the planet.

The first four were about 10 kms wide and were in a circular orbit around Uranus, they added.

The outer ring was about 100 kms wide and its orbit might not be circular, accord-

ing to the three astronomers. Mr. Elliot said the rings were composed of fragments of less than 2 kms in diameter which could have been formed by material present when the solar system was formed and which had never fused into satellites, or from satellites which had disintegrated.

The rings of Uranus were discovered by Mr. Elliot and his assistants last month during a flight on board the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) flying observatory Kuiper.

They were viewing an eclipse of the star SAO 158687 from

the observatory, aboard a four-engined C-141 plane, at 12,000 metres when they noticed that the star disappeared five times before and after it was eclipsed by Uranus, one of the largest planets in the solar system.

They deduced it disappeared behind rings encircling the planet rather than behind satellites.

Mr. Elliot said the rings had never been spotted previously because the light emanating from Uranus was bright enough to blot out the reflection from the rings under normal conditions of observation.

Cyprus talks begin today

VIENNA, March 30 (Agencies). — United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim arrived here today to chair the first three days of Cyprus inter-community talks due to open tomorrow.

Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot negotiators Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos and Mr. Umit Suleyman Onan arrived here yesterday.

Dr. Waldheim will confer with his personal representative in Cyprus Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar here early next week before taking a brief holiday in his native Austria.

Dr. Waldheim said upon arrival today that prospects for a Cyprus settlement were better than ever before. He said he hoped for substantial progress during the meetings, due to last eight days.

"I think the prospects are better than before but one should not expect a solution immediately. That would be naive," he told reporters at Vienna Airport.

OWEN MAY MEET SMITH, VORSTER IN CAPE TOWN

LONDON, March 30 (AFP). — British Foreign Secretary David Owen will probably meet Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith and South Africa's Jahn Vorster in Cape Town on April 13, Whitehall sources said yesterday.

Final arrangements for Dr. Owen's trip had still to be worked out, the sources said. But it is generally held here that the foreign secretary would leave London on April 10 and start his Southern African tour in Dar Es Salaam on the 11th, meeting President Samora Machel of Mozambique in Maputo the following day.

Observers think Dr. Owen will probably also meet Rhodesian nationalist leaders in Maputo.

He is due in Gaborone, Botswana, on April 14 from Johannesburg and Lusaka, Zambia on April 16, returning to London the next day, informed sources said.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

ABU DHABI, March 30 (R). — Turkish Foreign Minister Isnan Sabri Caglayan today conferred with United Arab Emirates (UAE) government leaders on developing economic relations, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Mr. Caglayan arrived here yesterday on the latest stage of his Gulf tour, which is believed to be primarily aimed at securing Turkey's crude oil needs.

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AFP). — Forty-three U.S. senators went on record yesterday as asking President Jimmy Carter to impose restrictions on imports of footwear into the United States. The senators said in a letter that these measures were necessary to safeguard the American footwear industry, in which 70,000 jobs had been lost since 1968. Imported shoes, the senators said, were now accounting for 46 per cent of the American market. U.S. footwear imports come mainly from the Far East, Brazil, Spain and Italy.

HONG KONG, March 30 (R). — Vietnam and Egypt yesterday signed a trade agreement in Hanoi, the Vietnam news agency reported. The agency, monitored here, did not give details of the agreement signed by Vietnamese Vice Foreign Trade Minister Nguyen Chanh and Egyptian Vice Minister of Trade and Supply, Dr. Saleh Toulan. Dr. Toulan arrived in Hanoi last Saturday at the head of a trade delegation after visiting China.

NEW YORK, March 30 (R). — The Exxon Oil Company yesterday said its oil and liquid gas production rose 3 per cent last year, with all of the increase coming from the Middle East. In its annual report, Exxon said it produced 5,576 million barrels of oil and natural gas liquids a day in 1976. Production in the United States and Venezuela fell but Middle East and African production rose 12 per cent, to 3,013 million barrels a day, of which Saudi Arabia accounted for 2,248 million. The Saudi production figure was 21 per cent higher than in 1975. Exxon said its worldwide sales volume rose 7 per cent, to 5,535 million barrels a day, and that its share of sales in its marketing area rose to around 10.5 per cent.


WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS, March 30 (R). — The U.N. Security Council last night indefinitely adjourned its Middle East debate, begun last Friday at the initiative of Egypt, without adopting any resolution or other decision. Council President Andrew Young of the United States said at the end of yesterday's meeting that after consultations with members it had been agreed to adjourn the debate. The next meeting would be "fixed after consultations among the members," he said. But several council members said later privately that the debate was now, in effect, over.

BRUSSELS, March 30 (AFP). — The situation was "normal" today at Kolwezi, the southern Zairese copper town under imminent threat of attack by an invading force of exiled former Katanga troops from Angola, a Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesman said here. Kolwezi, in Zaire's southern Shaba Province (the former Katanga) is in the line of the invaders' advance. A three-day battle was said yesterday to be raging within a few kilometres of the town. The spokesman said no evacuation order had been given to the 3,000 Belgians in Kolwezi.

WINDHOEK, March 30 (R). — Whites in South West Africa (Namibia) are to vote in a referendum on whether they would support an interim multi-racial government leading to final independence for the territory. A spokesman for the National Party, which has an overwhelming majority in the Legislative Assembly of the South African-administered territory, said today the referendum would be held on May 17. The party is to campaign for a "yes" vote.

MANILA, March 30 (R). — President Ferdinand Marcos indicated last night that he still did not know if the rebel Muslim Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) had accepted a Libyan formula for ending the four-year-old war in the southern Philippines. On Friday President Marcos proclaimed autonomy for the 13 provinces in the region and announced plans for a provisional government and a referendum on April 17.



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